## 2023 National Conference Media Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC. HOSTS 79th National Conference

The Murray Darling Association will be hosting its 79<sup>th</sup> National Conference at The Rural City of Murray Bridge, SA, on **27**<sup>th</sup> – **28**<sup>th</sup> **September 2023** featuring the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Basin Experts, Water Users, Irrigation, and Industry heads, as well as Shadow Water Minister Senator Perin Davey and Inspector-General of Water Compliance the Hon Troy Grant.

The 79<sup>th</sup> National Conference will bring together heads of Industry, Irrigation, Local Government, State Government, and Education to discuss *Partnership through collaboration across the Basin*, and will explore many themes such as Natural Disaster Recovery, Water Security, The Circular Economy, Preparing for Drought and Water scarcity, and Climate Change.

The event on **27**<sup>th</sup> and **28**<sup>th</sup> **September** will provide an unrivalled platform to unite all corners of the Murray-Darling Basin's communities at a national level, guiding advocacy, representation, and engagement priorities and initiatives through the Murray Darling Association, the peak body organisation representing and advocating for the needs and interests of over 164 Local Government Areas across the Basin.

Supporting the National Conference, the Murray Darling Association is hosting a number of social events, such as the **Welcome Reception**, welcoming Delegates to Murray bridge, the **Gala Dinner**, providing a quality networking environment, **Exhibition opportunities**, offering incredible engagement opportunities between Businesses, Departments, Local Government, and attending Delegates, as well as a **Study Tour**, departing from the Murray Bridge Town Hall, circumnavigating the Coorong and the Lower Lakes and across the Barrages.



## EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL 31 JULY 2023

The 79th National Conference is a ticketed event, with registrations handled through the Murray Darling Association's webpage.

Recognising the importance, and influence, of Local Government, Businesses, and that of community leaders and representatives, the Murray Darling Association invites you to consider attendance to the 79th National Conference, to **collaborate**, **and be a part of the Basin's water solution** – to join the conversation, inform future policy, and to engage with the scientists, educators, and leaders of our time.

**Join the conversation!** Join us and engage with local, technical, and political leaders to forge a future for councils, catchments, and communities.

**Inform future policy!** Engage with the innovators, scientists, educators, and leaders of our time to tackle the big issues of the Basin.

**Engage and network!** Engage with peers and experts over dinner and discuss technical issues with industry and department heads at our Conference exhibition booths.

The Murray Darling Association is a membership-based peak representative organisation representing local government and communities across the Murray-Darling Basin. The purpose of the MDA is to provide effective representation of local government and communities at State and Federal level in the management of Basin resources.

To find out more about the Murray Darling Association, go to www.mda.asn.au or follow us on social media.

Collaborate, and be a part of the Basin's water solution! Register Now!

Find out more, and to register, go to <a href="https://www.mda.asn.au/events/2023natcon">www.mda.asn.au/events/2023natcon</a>.

